

# PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Lower Level Training Room, City Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alderpersons VanAkkeren, Carlson, Heidemann, Lessard, and Wangemann

Call to order – The fourth meeting of the 2012-13 Public Protection & Safety Committee  
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson VanAkkeren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the minutes of the Public Protection and Safety Committee meeting from May 30, 2012. Alderperson Carlson moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Lessard. All aye - motion passed.

1. **R. O. No. 43-12-13 (3.1)** submitting a communication from Asher Heimermann requesting a street light be placed in the east-west alley between S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. and S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. and Georgia Ave. and Clara Ave. Alderperson Carlson moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Heidemann. Alderperson Heidemann questioned whether there is still a program available through Alliant Energy for lighting an area for protection. Chief Domagalski explained that the neighbors have to get together and work out who is going to pay the bill and how they are going to pay it. Motion to file passed 5 – 0.
2. **R. O. No. 48-12-13 (3.6)** submitting a tabulation of Bid #1725-12-2 for a three year contract for towing and vehicle storage services for the Sheboygan Police Department. All pricing was frozen for a three year period at the sole discretion of the vendors. Purchasing Agent Rammer was present. He provided a recap of the bid process. He explained that after the bid was put out this year, one of the vendors questioned items in the language having to do with private party tows. This resulted in rejection of all of the bids in order to put language into place to effectively clear up the issue of the rate charged for tows when the call is initiated by the City of Sheboygan. After the results of the re-bid were reviewed by the Police Chief and his staff, it was recommended that the bid be awarded to Arrow Towing. Alderperson Lessard questioned the charges for law enforcement related tows. Chief Domagalski explained that he looks at the contract and delivery of services as a whole. The majority of tows covered under the contract are private party and snow emergency tows. Individuals representing the towing companies that submitted bids addressed the committee (Dave Gass and Bret Graff, Chad Joesse, Thomas Graefe, and Kim Phalin.) Alderperson Carlson moved to accept and file the bid document. Seconded by Alderperson Lessard. All aye – motion passed.
3. **Res. No. 25-12-13 (4.10)** authorizing the Purchasing Agent to enter into a three year contract for the provision of towing and vehicular storage services for private party, law enforcement (evidentiary), department-owned, abandoned, and snow emergency

violation vehicles. Alderperson VanAkkeren asked Bernie Rammer to review the reasoning for the recommendation following the bid. Mr. Rammer explained that the primary goal of this contracted service is to safely and effectively clear accident scenes. The specifications in the contract, including a clear set of performance based measures like response times, levels the playing field. After that, the lowest cost tow for the private party drives the recommendation. Chief Domagalski added that without policy direction requiring that the business awarded the bid be located in the City, it would be improper for him to make a recommendation based solely on that. Alderperson Lessard moved to hold. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. Discussion took place regarding the use of a rotating list. Motion to hold passed – all ayes.

4. **Gen. Ord. No. 12-12-13 (5.1)** relating to bus stops so as to add a bus stop at the location in the 1500 block of Geele Ave. Alderperson Carlson moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Heidemann. It was noted that this is related to RCS and their move to the Geele Ave. plant. All aye – motion passed.
5. **Gen. Ord. No. 13-12-13 (5.2)** relating to mid-block crosswalks so as to add a mid-block crosswalk in the 1500 block of Geele Ave. Alderperson Carlson moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Heidemann. All aye – motion passed.
6. **Gen. Ord. No. 14-12-13 (5.3)** amending the City of Sheboygan Municipal Code to modify Sections 26-966 to require registration for replacement of water heating equipment and dishwashers and establishing a fee for same. Alderperson VanAkkeren suggested that this document should be held until Chad Pelishek is able to attend. Alderperson Wangemann moved to hold. Seconded by Alderperson Lessard. All aye – motion passed.
7. **R. C. No. 11-12-13 (7.7)** Re-referring R. O. No. 427-11-12, a petition from neighbors in the northeast area of the City of Sheboygan concerning reducing the deer population in their area. Mr. Dan Weidert, a wildlife biologist with the DNR in Plymouth, was present. Alderperson VanAkkeren asked Mr. Weidert to discuss options and the permitting process if the City was to attempt removal of the deer population in the northeast area. Mr. Weidert explained that DNR involvement doesn't happen until a municipality decides that they do have a problem that they want to deal with by means other than a legal hunting season. The hunting season can be problematic for a municipality because of other ordinances that prohibit firearms or bow and arrow discharge. He spoke about options such as a special hunt, sharpshooting, and trapping and described the permitting process and considerations for those options. The DNR leaves the decision of what number of animals they need to remove and by what method up to the municipality. Potential costs of counts, surveys, and removal were discussed. Mr. Weidert suggested that the census, baiting, and the removal are most effective in the winter months. Discussion took place regarding the process that has been undertaken in the Village of Kohler. Mayor VanAkkeren was present. He suggested that someone should meet with officials from both Kohler (to investigate costs) and the Town of Sheboygan. Residents from the northeast area spoke about their concerns and asked questions of Mr. Weidert. Alderperson Carlson moved to hold. He advised that he and Alderperson VanAkkeren will work with DPW and will contact the Village of Kohler. Seconded by Alderperson Wangemann. Alderperson Heidemann noted that when this issue was dealt with in this committee in the past, decisions on how to proceed came down to cost. Discussion took

place regarding the potential for granting permits for trapping to individual property owners, as well as issues with baiting and feeding. The motion to hold passed 5 – 0.

8. **R. O. No. 47-12-13 (3.5)** submitting a communication from Steve Hamilton requesting a waiver to the Sex Offender Residency restrictions to live at 1703 Erie Ave. Mr. Hamilton was present. After discussion, Alderperson Carlson moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson VanAkkeren. Motion passed – 3 (Carlson, Heidemann, VanAkkeren) to 2 (Lessard, Wangemann).
9. **R. O. No. 52-12-13 (6.4)** submitting a communication from Danny Beeman requesting a waiver to the Sex Offender Residency restrictions to live at 1332 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Beeman was present. After discussion, Alderperson Carlson moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson VanAkkeren. Motion passed – 3 (Carlson, Heidemann, VanAkkeren) to 2 (Lessard, Wangemann).

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

DAVID VAN AKKEREN – CHAIRMAN

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